



**2026-2027 CAPTIVATING RHINE – FESTIVE DELIGHTS  
(AMSTERDAM TO BASEL – CRUISE ONLY)  
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**7 NIGHTS · EMBARK IN AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS AND RETURN FROM BASEL, SWITZERLAND**

Aglow with seasonal lights and holiday festivities, the legendary Rhine captivates those who glide along its waters. Experience the allure of France’s Alsace region in its welcoming capital, Strasbourg, and its priceless gem, Colmar. Fabled towns lost in time present you with the chance to taste local flavors—Rüdesheimer coffee and *glühwein*—and to touch history up close with guided walking tours and active excursions. From Amsterdam’s colorful canals to the majestic Swiss Alps, board your beautifully decorated ship and journey into the heart of the destinations you visit, experiencing the holiday spirit that comes alive on board and on shore along the Rhine during this *Festive Delights* river cruise.

| DAY | DESTINATION              | ACTIVITIES  |
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| 1   | Amsterdam                | EMBARKATION   |
| 2   | Amsterdam                | Canal cruise tour<br>Scenic cruising out of Amsterdam   |
|     | Utrecht                  | Walking Tour<br>OR Beer Tasting tour  |
| 3   | Düsseldorf               | Düsseldorf walking tour and Altbier tasting<br>OR Cologne walking tour  |
| 4   | Rhine Gorge<br>Rüdesheim | Castles along the Rhine scenic cruising<br>Rüdesheim wine tasting<br>OR Gondola ride<br>OR Vineyard hike<br>OR Guided bike tour of the Rheingau<br>Siegfried’s Mechanical Instrument Cabinet<br>OR Rüdesheimer coffee |
| 5   | Ludwigshafen             | “Romantic Heidelberg” excursion<br>OR “Secrets of Speyer” tour<br>OR Heidelberg Philosopher’s Path hike<br>OR Ladenburg bike tour   |
| 6   | Strasbourg               | “The Gem of Alsace” tour<br>OR Strasbourg bike tour   |

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| 7 | Breisach | Colmar walking tour<br>OR Breisach wine country bike tour<br>OR Kaiserstuhl Vineyard hike |
| 8 | Basel    | DISEMBARKATION  |

**Day 1, AMSTERDAM – EMBARKATION.** Board the ship in Amsterdam for your *Captivating Rhine* cruise.

**Day 2, AMSTERDAM.** There are 165 canals in Amsterdam, and you'll get enjoy some of them on your canal cruise. Later in the day, set sail out of Amsterdam to Utrecht, where you can explore this charming town on a walking tour or sip beer during a special tasting tour. (B,L,D)

**Day 3, DÜSSELDORF.** As a leading hub for German culture, commerce and architecture, Düsseldorf is a must-visit city for any travelers on the Rhine. Here, you may explore this grand city on the Rhine by joining a walking tour, concluding with a tasting of Altbier, a local specialty brewed using traditional techniques. If you're feeling adventurous, take a brief trip to the nearby city of Cologne. Join a guided tour through the enchanting Old Town, where you will see sites such as the Cologne Rathaus, Germany's oldest town hall; the Fishmarkt, which dates back to the 12th century, and the Great St. Martin Church. (B,L,D)

**Day 4, RHINE GORGE – RÜDESHEIM.** Cruise through the captivating UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge, the most stunningly beautiful stretch of the river before reaching the winemaking town of Rüdesheim. Join a wine tasting to discover the flavors of the town's iconic vineyards. Or drink up the stunning views by soaring high above the vineyards with a gondola ride to the Niederwalddenkmal. For a more active adventure, hike through the town's beautiful vineyards or join a guided bike tour along the scenic Rhine River. Later in the day, let Siegfried's Mechanical Instrument Cabinet charm you with its remarkable collection of self-playing musical instruments; or taste one of the town's special delights, Rüdesheimer coffee, ceremoniously made with brandy, coffee and whipped cream. (B,L,D)

**Day 5, LUDWIGSHAFEN.** Ludwigshafen is your gateway to a choice of three excursions. Visit Heidelberg, the perfectly preserved medieval city nestled in the Neckar River Valley along Germany's Castle Road. Discover the iconic red sandstone Heidelberg Castle and Great Vat, an 18th-century, 49,000-gallon wine cask. For a more active adventure while in Heidelberg, join a guided hike up the Philosopher's Path, aptly named during the Romantic Period, and enjoy panoramic views of the city. Alternatively, you can visit one of Germany's oldest cities, Speyer, known for the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—and the medieval Old Gate, Altpörtel. Or join a guided bike tour along the shores of the river Neckar and enjoy a cycling break to explore the picturesque medieval town of Ladenburg. (B,L,D)

**Day 6, STRASBOURG, FRANCE.** Strasbourg offers flavors of both France and Germany because of its borderline location. Enjoy walking through the iconic "La Petite France" district, lifted straight from the pages of a fairytale. Wander through charming streets past the Cathédrale de Notre Dame with its famous astronomical clock. Alternatively, take a guided bike ride through the city and Parc de l'Orangerie. (B,L,D)

**Day 7, BREISACH, GERMANY.** Breisach is your gateway to several different excursions. Step back in time with a visit to the enchanting Alsatian town of Colmar, which looks almost the same as it did in the 16th century. On your walking tour, admire historic architecture and perhaps get a glimpse of the Statue of Liberty, a small replica of the famous version in New York, to commemorate the sculptor's Colmar birthplace. Those wishing for a more active excursion can cycle through the countryside, or hike through the heart of the Kaiserstuhl, a volcanic region in the Rhine plain known for its unique landscapes, vineyards, and exceptional biodiversity. (B,L,D)

**Day 8, BASEL, SWITZERLAND – DISEMBARKATION.** After breakfast, bid farewell to Switzerland and prepare for your return flight home. (B)

*B,L,D – Indicates Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner are included on this day.*